

Ernest (Knocks Off)

Date of Death: December 13, 1880

Name variations: Earnest, Ernest White Thunder

Documents compiled here recording information about the death and burial of Ernest (Knocks Off):

1. Card from Student Information Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1329, box 5.
2. Card from Student Record Cards Series, NARA, RG 75, Entry 1328, box 2.
3. *Eadle Keatah Toh*, volume 1, Carlisle Barracks, PA, January 1881, page 3.
4. Hepburn, C. H., Carlisle, to Richard Henry Pratt, Carlisle, 14 December 1880, NARA, M234, Letters Received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1824-1881), reel 486.
5. [Map of Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery], circa 1947, Dickinson College Archives and Special Collections, Carlisle Indian School Individual Items, CIS-I-0058.

Name

Ernest

File No. En.

" " G.
" " D.

Indian name

Tribe

Sionx

Age

18

Blood

Agency

Rosebud

Father

White Thunder

Arrived

10-6-79

Departed

12-14-80

Cause

Death

Class entered

Class left

Trade

Outing

Character

Married

Deceased

1880

Remarks

EADLE KEATAH-YOH.

Big Morning Star.

CARLISLE, BARRACUS, PA., JANUARY, 1881.

MASON D. PRATT, Publisher
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HOME ITEMS.

—Our chapel has been nearly white-washed. Morton, Cecil and one white man did the work. —Bread baking has long ceased to be a very heavy tax upon the supt. baker, almost the whole amount is done by apprentices.

—During the Christmas vacation three of the school-rooms were refloored. The work was done by Indian apprentices with one white mechanic.

—The steam-boiler which at first did not work well, owing to defective draft, is now satisfactory, it heats more than 40 large rooms.

—Joe Gunn, a Ponca boy is one of the best carpenters, he has made some small stands as specimens of his work, one of these the Ponca Agent took home with him. They are neatly in-laid on the top.

—Roman Nose, one of the tinners apprentices made a dozen tin cups for Capt. Pratt which can't be beat. He works assiduously at his trade showing more zeal and working capacity than is usual with Indians.

—In getting out our paper we labor under many disadvantages, the principal one being the pressure of necessary school duties. We must beg the kind indulgence of our subscribers at the same time assuring them that they will receive the full number for which they have subscribed.

—We have received the December number of The Indian's, published at the Wyandotte Mission School, Quapaw Agency, Ind. Ter. This is the declaration of the student editors as to why they are at school: "We are not here for idle pastime but for work, earnest hard work, with our hands as well as brains, each day to accomplish some task which seems impossible and can only be done by bringing into action all the will, power, energy and perseverance that we possess." The Indian's ought to grow. These students certainly will.

—Some evidences of improvement and of careful work in the shops are very apparent. Dan Tucker can forge any piece of iron required on a wagon. He is even can put up a good wheel, and Chas. Kawboodle is promising well. In the harness-shop a good deal of the work shows improvement. On a set of superior pony harness, the traces were stitched by three different boys, but the work was so nearly alike that it was impossible to distinguish any difference in its quality. George Walker has just completed a set of single harness his own work entirely except a little stitching on the pad.

—The Ponca chiefs who recently visited Washington to confer with the authorities concerning their tribal affairs, spent a day with us on their homeward journey. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the result of the thorough examination they gave the school and especially so with the improvement shown by the children of their tribe who are here. Chief White Eagle whose son is a student here, said in a fitting speech he made to us, that for a long time he feared although the Great Spirit had forgotten all about the Indians, but now when he saw what privileges their children had, how fast they were learning in the school and how well they worked in the shops, he believed the Great Spirit was remembering the Indians and was now going to help them. The party took home a number of articles manufactured in the shops that their people might see what was being done by their absent children.

Will Indians Work?

"An Indian train left on the 9th for Arkansas City and will return with flour. Party could for such a drive, but the Indians are becoming very reliable freighters and will get through all right regardless of the weather."—Cheyenne Transporter.

Good for the Cheyennes and Arapahoes and good for Great Miter the pioneer of the Indian freighting business.—Ed

From the Indian Journal.

—Perhaps of all the peculiar congregations that have assembled, our town has had its share in variety, but in all its history never such a one as gathered in the Presbyterian Church last evening. Nearly one-half of the large audience was composed of Indian youth, twenty-five of whom had been sent to go to Carlisle in acceptance of Secretary Schurz' magnificent proposition. In the pulpit sat two war worn veterans of the missionary service, Rev. W. S. Robertson and Rev. R. M. Longbridge. As a most suitable setting for the bright and nervously interested faces of the children, were those of fathers and mothers, grave with the solicitude of parental affection and yet wearing unmistakably language of determination, which expressed no lack of desire for the love and companionship of the children, but rather a resignation of these for the present, that greater opportunities than they have ever known, might be opened up, to preparation for a nobler and wiser type of man and womanhood in the generations to come. As a speaker remarked, this is an epoch in the history of the Creek people, and surely it is such a well defined opening to possibilities both to those who have gone and to those who remain, that every honest worker for Indian progress, is justified in believing that the door to peership with other nations, is for them at last ajar.

We judge the selections made from the Tullahoma pupils to be excellent ones. They are fine representatives for a prize class and all from good families. The following are the names of those taken, and who left on Wednesday evening in charge of Judge Moore and Mrs. Craig:

GIRLS.

Rosa Ross,	Maunie Atkins.
Milfie Brown,	Swath E. Crowell,
Nancy McIntosh,	Millie McIntosh,
Eliza Bell,	Elizabeth McNaught,
Elizabeth McIntosh,	Elza Moore,
Rachel Checote,	Bessie West,
Martha E. Moore,	Eriza Consoos,
	Jane Freeman.

BOYS.

Benjamin Marshall,	Robert Stewart,
Alexander McNaught,	Edis Childers,
Silas Childers,	James Bell,
Cornelius Carr,	Samuel Scott,
Samuel Checote,	Almarine M. Kellop.

Our Gymnasium.

We need a gymnasium so we may build up physically at the same time we build up the brain. Strong minds and weak bodies will not do. Bad a cold weather prevents out-door exercise especially for the little ones. We have a stable with good brick walls and the roof 180 ft long by 40 ft wide. We want to floor this and put in gymnastic appliances. The Department says it has no money to give us to do this. It is important. Some of our friends see it, and have sent us \$120. toward it. We want \$500.

Since Our last Acknowledgments the following Donations have been received.

viz:—	
From Miss Eva Pickard: Cash.....	\$ 20 00
" Presb. S. School Class, Jeddo, Pa.	
Per. Miss M. Warden: Cash.....	4 50
From Mrs. H. B. Rodgers: Cash.....	100 00
" Thos. Robertson: Cash.....	25 00
" Hannah C. Lowell: Cash.....	35 00
" Friends: per. Paul R. Cook, Cash	40 00
" Susan Longstreth: Cash.....	500 00
" S. L. Ropes: Cash.....	10 00
" Roland Mather: Cash.....	100 00
" Mrs. Larocque: Cash.....	50 00
" Wm. Hyde: per. Miss M. Hyde,	
Cash.....	100 00
From S. S. Class, Florence, Mass: per.	
A. J. Willeston, Cash.....	10 00
From Susan Longstreth, for gymnasium:	
Cash.....	50 00
From T. M. Sinclair: Cash.....	100 00
" Mary Jeanes: per. S. Longstreth,	
Cash.....	19 25
From Miss E. A. Prall: Cash.....	50 00
" A. L. Willeston: Cash.....	100 00
Total.....	\$1313 75

Of this amount \$1194.50 has been contributed especially for and expended on account of the

Steam Heater, and \$119.25 for the Gymnasium.

We are also indebted to the Indian Hope, per. Mrs. Graff for a liberal supply of Christmas presents, and like donations from Mrs. Bishop, Susan Longstreth, Miss H. M. Eggleston and from four classes of the Presbyterian S. S. Englewood, N. J., per. Miss V. T. Booth.

DIED.

On Wednesday Jan. 12th Miss Hyde, the matron at our school, was summoned home by the sad news of her father's death. Mr. Hyde, as a trustee of Hampton Institute, became interested in Indian educational work, and was a strong friend to Carlisle from the start. By many acts, his desire, and his ability to help, were fully demonstrated. In his death we have lost one of our best friends. The following brief account of his life and death, we copy from the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

Representative Hyde of free died very suddenly at Boston Tuesday. He fell on the walk while leaving the statehouse after the day's session at 4 o'clock. A Mr. Felt who was passing, took Mr. Hyde in his arms and with Dr. Barreux of Boston drove to the Massachusetts general hospital; but on reaching that institution life had left the body. This death will shock and sadden many hearts. It ends a life of rectitude and sterling worth. Mr. Hyde always represented the best type of New England life. He was a son of Rev. Abner Hyde of Lee, one of the most noted Berkshire fathers in America, who sent his sons William and Alexander to Williams College. The elder son, William Hyde of Ware and a trustee of the Berkshire Institution, has told what "going to college" meant in 1822. The devoted in person at his wedding dress had a coat for the young student, who walked to Williams a whole mile through his own wood, taught school to help himself through, and learned astorly self-reliance in addition to the prescribed requirements of the course. Alexander's turn came later, and he graduated in 1834, among his classmates being E. W. B. Channing of Stockbridge, and the late Rev. Dr. A. H. Griffin of Williamstown. Mr. Hyde helped establish the first secret society at Williams by securing a chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity from Union College in 1855. The death of his father called Mr. Hyde on graduating to the old homestead at Lee. Here he cared for his mother by keeping a large family school, and the while studied dentistry. Perhaps the student had dreamed of professional life; but he soon married a daughter of Hon. Gov. Hunt of New-Hampshire, and from the first impressed himself upon the local life. In the church of which Rev. Dr. Hyde was for some time pastor, in town and country affairs, and at Williams College, Alexander Hyde has been these many years a devoted and honored member. Through his success as a successful agriculturist and fruit-grower, he achieved more than a local reputation, delivering a course of lectures before the Lowell Institute, which the Republican printed. Mr. Hyde wrote much and well upon his specialties, being a constant contributor to the New York Times, and an occasional writer for this and other daily, weekly and monthly journals. He was for a time the contributor and successful editor of the Lee Gleaner. Mr. Hyde was one of the prime movers in and president of the Berkshire historical society, and compiled the records of the Lee household. As a trustee of Gen. Armstrong's Hampton (Va.) Institute, too, Mr. Hyde has rendered valuable service. One of his daughters, teaches in the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., and Mr. Hyde has materially aided to educate these wards of the government at the West. As a legislator, he would have done excellent work. Of modest stature, Gen. Hyde always exhibited a reserve fund of substantial good sense. Personally he was as near the Christian gentleman as men often get.

—It was a sad and mysterious coincidence by which two of our pupils were taken from us by death on the night of the 13th of December, both of them being from the same agency and the same band of Sioux.

EANER, Chief White Thunder's son, was sent to the hospital in October to receive treatment for a slight sore throat. The applications being disagreeable he would not submit to them. He rejected not only medicine, but nourishment, so that he became so weak and exhausted that when toward the latter part of his illness he was willing to recover, the most strenuous efforts proved powerless to save him. He was the only son of his father who was most anxious he should become an educated, useful man.

MAVON, (Little Girl) the daughter of Chief Swift Bear, was a bright, impulsive, warm-hearted girl, much loved by her school mates. She came to the Training School suffering from diseased lungs, and so had not strength, to resist pneumonia which seized her. She was the first girl to die here, and the first Sioux out of more than ninety connected with the school.

Funeral services were conducted by Professor Lippincott, and the double burial is one which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

On the 10th inst. DENNIS, son of Blue Tomahawk of Rosebud Agency, Dakota, died of Typhoid Pneumonia. Dennis was a bright, studious, ambitious boy, standing first in his class, and of so tractable a disposition as to be no trouble to his teachers. Two of his sisters had recently died at the agency of similar disease so that Blue Tomahawk's family is indeed bereaved.

Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dec. 14, 1880.

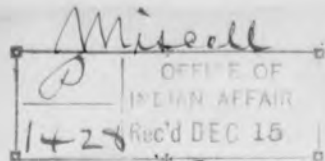
Dr. G. H. Hepburn,

Transmits report of death
of two students, Mand
and Ernest, both Sioux
from Rosebud Agency.

Indian Training School,
Dec. 14, 1880.

Respectfully forwarded
to the Honorable Com-
missioner Indian Affairs
for his information,

R. H. Pratt
1st Lt. 10th Cav.
In Charge.



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Indian Training School
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

To R. B. Pratt,

1st Lt. 10th Calif. In charge,

Dear Sir:

I have the honor

to report the death of following scholars:-

1. Maud Sione, aged . . . Died Monday Dec. 13th
inst. at 10.40 o'clock P.M.

This patient suffers from Phthisis for some considerable time, and to such an extent as to interfere materially with her respiration. A severe attack of Bronchitis, accompanied by Pneumonia, occurred about the 1st inst. which after some transient appearances of improvement, terminated fatally at the time mentioned.

2. Ernest Sione, aged . . . Died Tuesday, Dec. 14th
inst. at 6.15 o'clock A.M.

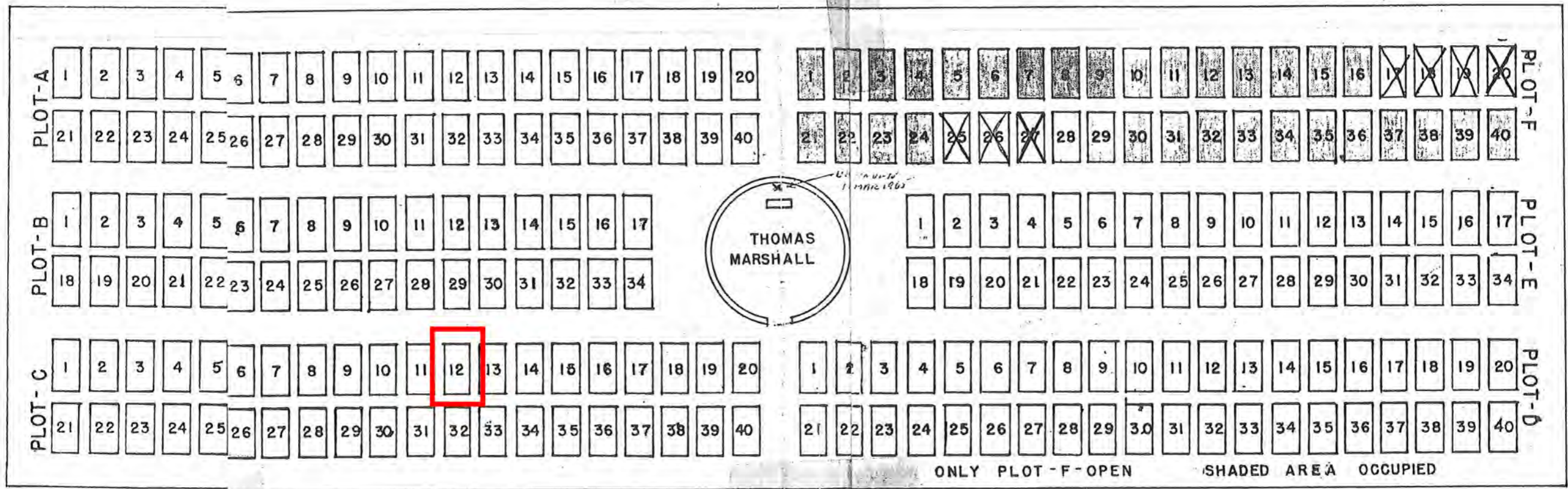
He was emaciated and debility was marked when first seen suffering from a not very severe

Pharyngitis. After leaving the Hospital on Nov. 1st last, he returned again on the 9th of same month with Pharyngeal inflammation much more severe & considerable febrile movements. An improvement in the symptoms began on the 11th, continuing almost without interruption until the 22^d. The inflammation had nearly subsided; the fever had fallen to normal or nearly so. On the last mentioned day the temperature again rose, & continued rising until the 26th when a Diphtheritic deposit was noticed upon the Pharynx, Tonsils and Soft Palate, this soon became complicated with Pleuro-pneumonia and terminated fatally at the time mentioned.

Very Respectfully,
C. H. Hepburn
Physician

Nov. 14, 1880.

*Drawn
L. Campbell
Road 51*



PLOT - A	PLOT - B	PLOT - C	PLOT - D	PLOT - E	PLOT - F
1 NEIL SUISON	1 LEAH ROAD TROELLER	1 JACK MARTHA	1 WASH E. HE	1 FREDERICK SKAHSOJAH	1 SUSAN LORRANE LOGAN 2-27-47
2 ALBERT CASSADORE	2 MOSES NEAL	2 LOUISE	2 REUBEN TAHPEDES	2 LENA GARR	2 WALLACE DERRYMAN 7-11-10
3 LORENZE BONDS	3 CHAS. WHITESHIELD	3 LOUISA JUAN	3 ALFRED	3 EDWARD HENSLEY	3 JOHN - SON OF PFC D. CHARLES 9-29-47
4 BELLE GAHOE	4 MARTHA ANTON	4 PARISCOVIA FRIENDOFF	4 SAMUEL GILBERT	4 DICKENS	4 SON - PFC. ARTHUR W. KIMBELL 10-22-47.
5 PERCY WHITEBEAR	5 OWEN FIRY	5 B- NORKOK	5 HENERY MORNING	5 GEGERREY ISKIE	5 INFANT TWINS OF
6 JAS. CORNMAN	6 CORA PRIGE	6 ADAM MC CARTHY	6 UNKNOWN	6 GEORGE RUSK	5 WALDRON & MARY LEONARD 2-1-48
7 HANNA DEGHIZIEN	7 JAMES FOXGATCHER	7 SUSIE REED	7 JOHN BULL	7 ELSIE DAVIS	6 LOREN DALE ROEMELING 2-17-48
8 THOMA SUGKLEY	8 ALMEDA HEAVYHAIR	8 JEMINA MELOXEN	8 EDWARD UPRIGHT	8 MELISSA METOXON	7 INFANT DAUGHTER OF LT. BENJ. WEEKS 6-7-48
9 LAUBLOCK	9 MAY PAISAMO	9 HARRY GREENBIRD	9 GALEB KECHJOLAY	9 IDA BENNET	8 INFANT SON OF ANTHONY CRISTOVICH 8-8-48
10 BOISE BASSEFORD	10 PODGER DUDZARDA	10 ALBERT	10 REODERICK	10 SARAH KIRK	9 INFANT OF CAPT. & MRS. H.W. KLOPPE 2-6-50.
11 SOPHIA CAULON	11 NORA IZANGHO	11 DENIS	11 MYRA KIECHA	11 LUGY SPALDING	10 BETTY JEAN - DAUGHTER OF 9-15-53
12 PENOLPE ZANCA	12 AARON. YATOSEK	12 EARNEST	12 SANSON NOVAN	11 EDWARD W. POPE	11 EDWARD W. POPE
13 RALEIGH JAMES	13 WADE AYRES	13 GODFREY BLATCH	13 ISABEL KELCUSAY	12 MABEL STOCK	11 SGT. CLINTON L. MC DONALD (U.S.N.) 10-13-54
14 ELLIOT	14 HENERY OUKA	14 COOKINGLOOK	14 PEDRO SAAHEZ	13 SAMUEL FLYINGHORSE	12 INFANT SON OF CAPT. W.E. MEINZEN 12-6-54
15 GEO. HARRISON	15 ROSE	15 ALICE SPRINGER	15 CORINNE SIMOHTIE	14 EDWARD SPOTT	13 INFANT SON OF SFC. ASH 4-2-55
16 SOPHIA TATOFF	16 ELI HUNLONA	16 JEMIMA JOHN	16 SIBYL MARKO	15 HAYES	14 BRUNO VARANO 2-17-45
17 OPHELA POWIAS	17 ADA FOXGATCHER	17 BASIL EKARDEN	17 KATE ROSSKIDIHITS	16 HORACE	15 MARY INFANT OF PVT 2 J. DEVELIN 5-4-55
18 WARREN PAINTER	18 GIVEN BAT	18 MARGARET DAVIS	18 JOHN BYTZOLAY	17 GEORGE ELL	16 INFANT TWIN DAUGHTERS OF 10-5-55
19 AMOS LA FARMBOISE	19 WILKE SHARP	19 FRANK GREEN	19 SAMUEL JOHN	18 ALLEN MACY	17 SGT. AMRS. V. FANUPO
20 TITUS DEERHEAD	20 MATAVITO	20 EDNA BETAHKATOTH	20 REBECCA LITTLEWOLFE	19 TOMICOCK	18 INFANT SON OF PFC. T.M. HOCK
21 LUKE PHILLIPS	21 MATTIE OGCUMMA	21 LUCY PRETTYEAGLE	21 MINNIE TOPA	20 IDA SANAKAWITSGATE	18 INFANT SONS OF COL. J.D. HAWLER
22 FRANCES BONES	22 SUSIE KING	22 HARRY MARMON	22 RUDOLPH ESENDAY	21 GEORGE BEARSARM	19 INFANT DAUGHT. CAPT. W.A. HOWARD
23 MARGRET YATES	23 MARGRARET EDGAN	23 SIMON DAKOSU	23 KATE HELEN ADAM	22 ANNA VERESKIN	20 INFANT SON OF PFC. E.J. HARRIS
24 PAUL WHELOCK	24 EZRA ANIGOON	24 LUGIA YAITSAH	24 SARA SMITH	23 LOTTIE SIREECH.	21 UNKNOWN
25 ANTHONY NUSKE	25 JUDITH KAINKAH	25 EVA DEZAY	25 ROBERT SCOTT	24 WILBER DEEHISM	22 UNKNOWN
26 BEULAH ISTONE	26 CHRISTINE REDSTONE	26 WM. SNAKE	25 BISHOP L. SHIELD	25 JAMES WOLFE	23 UNKNOWN
27 KATIE DINTA	27 MAGGIE LAUETHLA	27 ERIC YUCY	26 PETER HOWE	26 UNKNOWN	24 UNKNOWN
28 WENDELL YOUNG	28 DORA	28 DELLA AITKINS	27 HELEN FRATIAS	27 UNKNOWN	25 INFANT SON OF SFC. C.G. Lundquist
29 HERBERT G. LITTLEHAVK	29 HELEN YOTSAYA	29 FRED HARRIS	28 LAUNY SHORTY	28 UNKNOWN	26 INFANT DAUGHT. OF SP3 BAILEY
30 RICHARD MORGAN	30 NANNIE LITTLE ROBE	30 GUY BASKET	29 TABITHA CARROL	29 UNKNOWN	27 INFANT SON OF SFC DENKOVICH
31 FANNY GIBSON	31 ALBERT HENDERSON	31 HENERY JONES	30 ANATASIA ACHWAK	30 UNKNOWN	28
32 JAS. SHAUBUSH	32 DORA MORNING	32 FLORENCE J. BURNETTO	31 JANE LUMPFOT	31 UNKNOWN	29 CAROLA KOTCH 11-5-43
33 CHAS. FISHER	33 BEAU NEAL	33 FANNY GHARGINGHIELD	32 FRANK CUSHING	32 UNKNOWN	30 DAUGHTER BIRD 4-25-47
34 LEONIDAS CHANUA	34 FRIEND H.H. BEAR	34 SUSIE NACH KEA	33 WILLIAM SAMMERS	33 UNKNOWN	31 JOHN BUGEL 5-28-41
35 ALBERT JACKSON		35 GILES	34 ABE GANTANITA	34 UNKNOWN	32 KIRBY W. LONG 5-17-41
36 OLIDA TAPENAIHEINAN		36 MAUD	35 LANE LINCON	35 UNKNOWN	33 FRANK W. PICKERING 1-4-41
37 YOUNG EAGLE		37 ZENEKE UH	36 FRED SENACHI	36 UNKNOWN	34 SON VARANO 11-19-40
38 NENACO ANTONIO		38 ALVAN	37 DELIA WILLIAMS	37 UNKNOWN	35 ALVAD BAGLEY 10-24-39
39 HORACE CHATTO		39 MARIAN PATTON	38 EDWARD ANGELOOK	38 UNKNOWN	36 SON VARANO 1-17-39
40 KAWSEAH		40 EVA INOSAIEN	39 JOHN QUAGIN	39 UNKNOWN	37 DORTHY MAE BERKEY 8-4-38
					38 JANE E. STREET 5-3-38
					39 HARRISON L. GARD 9-10-36
					40 HERBERT B. RASMUSSEN 1-21-35

*30- DAUGHTER OF CAPT. WM. E. BIRD